

Remarks

I. Restriction Requirement

In the above referenced Office Action, the Examiner divided the claims into the following groups:

Group I. Claims 1-25, 34-36, and 40, drawn to method for assaying an interaction between a test agent and a lipid bilayer-associated component comprising a surface detector array device, classified in class 422, subclass 82.02; and

Group II. Claims 26-33, 37-39, and 41, drawn to a method for assaying an interaction between a test agent and a lipid bilayer-associated component, classified in class 436, subclass 71.

In response, Applicants elect to begin prosecution with examination of claim group I, claims 1-25, 34-36, and 40, without traverse. Non-elected claims 26-33, 37-39, and 41 are cancelled.

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected claims of Group II.

II. Amendments

Non-elected claims 26-33, 37-39, and 41 stand cancelled.

No new matter is added by way of these amendments.

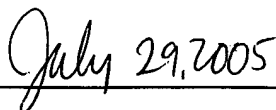
If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (650) 838-4410.

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